



Essex Houses and Gardens



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1 Audley End m west of Saffron Walden on B1383 M11 Exit 8 & 10.

Open: Open April to October Wednesday to Sunday and Bank Holidays. For winter opening call for details or check our website www.english-heritage.org.uk



2 Bardfield Vineyard 5 miles from the A120 just outside the village of Great Bardfield on the Great Saling road.

Open: Easter to end of October. Pre-booked tours only.



3 The Beth Chatto Gardens Signed off the A133 Colchester to Clacton Road in Elmstead Market.

Open: March to October Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm. Sundays 10am to 5pm. November to February Monday to Saturday 9am to 4pm. Sundays 10am to 4pm.



4 Cressing Temple Signed off the B1018 Witham to Braintree Road. Also signed off the A120.

Open: March to end of October. Sunday to Friday, 10am to 5pm. Closed Saturdays.



5 The Gibberd Garden Signed off B183 from Harlow to Hatfield Heath. Turn left into Marsh Lane.

Open: April to end of September. Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holiday Mondays, 2pm to 6pm.



6 Hedingham Castle and Gardens Signed off the A120 from Braintree, via gossiped and Sible Hedingham on the A1017.

Open: Easter to end of October. Sunday to Thursday, 11am to 4pm. Please check website for dates and events. Closed to the public Friday and Saturday.



9 Layer Marney Tower Signed off the B1022, Colchester to Maldon Road.

Open: April, May June & September: Sundays & Wednesdays 12noon to 5pm. July & August: Sunday to Thursday 12 noon to 5pm. Bank Holiday Sundays & Mondays 11am to 5pm.



10 Marks Hall Signed off the A120 Coggeshall bypass.

Open: April to October: Tuesday to Sunday & Bank Holiday Mondays 10.30am to 5pm. November to March: Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 10.30am to dusk.



11 Spencers Garden

From central Great Yeldham (A1017) turn right then left signed The Beckhamps. Follow Tibbury Road for 1/4 mile, entrance on left.
Open: Every Thursday, 2pm to 4pm from May to October. Groups welcome, please check website for dates and events.

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Our locations can be found on the map below with directions and general information regarding opening times. For more specific information and events please visit our individual websites.



7 RHS Garden Hyde Hall

From A130 Rettendon Turnpike roundabout head for South Woodham Ferrers (A132). At the Shaw Farm roundabout turn left into Willow Grove/Creepleidge Lane.
Open: Daily from 10am (except Christmas Day/April to October 10am to 6pm. November to March 10am to 4pm. Last admission one hour before closing.



8 Ingatstone Hall

From Ingatstone High Street (off the A12) turn into Station Lane and continue over the railway crossing.
Open: Easter to end of September. Wednesdays, Sundays & Bank Holiday Mondays Noon to 5pm. (Not Wednesdays in June). Guide dogs only.



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eleven unique destinations
in rural Essex, all wonderful places to
visit with glorious gardens, important
historic buildings, fascinating locations
and spectacular views.

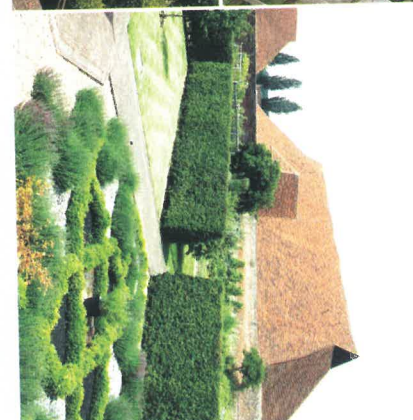
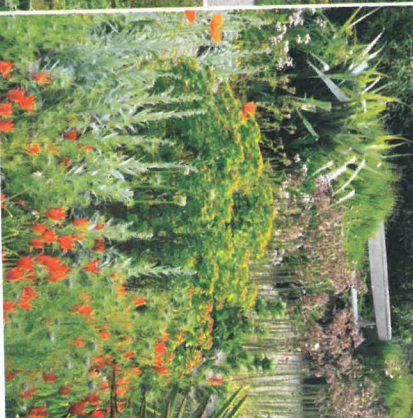


Audley End

Spend a full day at Audley End and admire the elaborately decorated rooms, wander round the nineteenth century parterre and explore the pastoral parkland designed by 'Capability' Brown. Don't miss the unique walled Kitchen Garden – still organically growing original varieties of fruit and vegetables. Experience what life was like 'below stairs' with our recently restored Service Wing. From Spring 2010 the Stables will be brought back to life with a new exhibition, horses on site and a new children's play area.

Bardfield Vineyard

Once in the ownership of Anne of Cleves the present vineyard was planted in 1990. As the soil and climate are similar to those of Alsace, grape varieties of that region have been planted, which are capable of producing very fruity, aromatic wines of high quality. Tour the vineyard and walled garden, taste the wines and eat in the beautiful 17th century farmhouse.

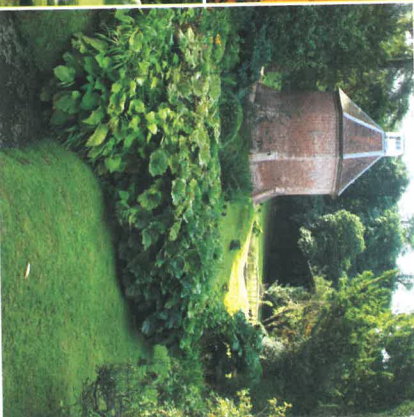


The Beth Chatto Gardens

From an overgrown wasteland with poor gravel soil and boggy hollows, The Beth Chatto Gardens has been transformed into an inspirational informal garden. The gravel garden of drought-loving plants gently descends into the dramatic water gardens where lush green growth creates a scene of harmony and tranquility. From late winter to early summer the woodland gardens are embroidered with gentle drifts of plants. We have a large plant nursery and modern tea-room.

Creissing Temple

The site of a Knights Templar settlement from 1137, this ancient farmstead offers a wealth of historic buildings. At its centre are two vast 13th century timber-framed barns. An exhibition explores the building of the barns and a high platform offers stunning views into the roof. The early Tudor walled garden has been re-created in original style with ornamental features alongside herbs used for medicines and household uses. Tea-room and gift shop open on selected days.

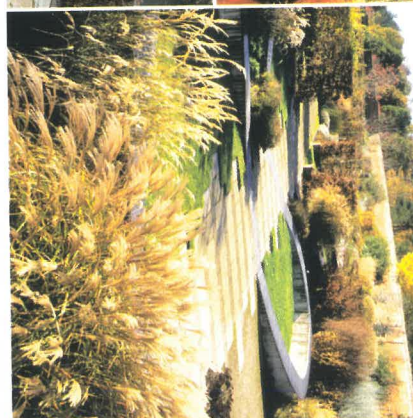


Hedingham Castle and Gardens

The mighty Castle of the de Vere's, Earls of Oxford, has stood as a potent symbol of their power since 1130. More than just a day out, a visit to Hedingham is the perfect way to enjoy the very best of historic Essex. Norman and Georgian landscape scenery, historic buildings, spectacular views and beautiful woodland gardens. Tea room and Keep shop. A feast for all the senses and a treat for the whole family.

RHS Garden Hyde Hall

With sweeping panoramas, big open skies and far reaching views a visit to Hyde Hall is a must for visitors of all ages. The garden boasts an eclectic range of inspirational horticultural styles from traditional to modern, providing interest and colour whatever the weather or time of year. Highlights include the quintessential Hilltop Garden, the contemporary Australian and New Zealand Garden and the Mediterranean styled Dry Garden. Facilities include a licensed restaurant and café, shop and plant centre.



Layer Marney Tower

Layer Marney Tower is a magnificent red brick Tudor house built to rival that of Hampton Court. It is the tallest gatehouse in the country with stunning views from the top of the tower. It has lovely gardens, a medieval barn, rare breed farm animals and a one and a half mile circular country walk. The church has three magnificent effigy tombs. There is car parking, a gift shop, tea-room and the Manderley Dolls House.

Marks Hall

With over 200 acres of gardens and arboretum there is a different tree in leaf and a different plant in bloom every day of the year at Marks Hall. In summer there is the stunning combination of contemporary landscaping and traditional planting in the Walled Garden; in winter the lakeside Millennium Walk is planted for structure, colour and scent on the shortest days of the year. The Visitor Centre, with tea shop, gift shop and plant centre, is housed in a glorious Essex barn alongside the stream.

Spencers Garden

Romantic 18C walled garden laid out by Lady Anne Spencer, grand-daughter of the first Duke of Marlborough. Now overflowing with spectacle following Tom Stuart-Smith's renovation. Supposedly oldest greenhouse in Essex. Huge tumbling wisteria, armies of 'true-blue' Lord Butler delphiniums ("Rab" lived at Spencers in later life), dazzling herbaceous border, vibrant green clover garden. Rich variety of roses, mature grounds with abundant ancient trees. Victorian woodland garden in little valley below.